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A Few Mistakes Corrected.

We print the following in the Cincinnati Commercial:

The State of Illinois, the question being Douglas received in the Senate or condemned to private life—was warm. We were in Cincinnati, and the South, and North will fly on all sides. There is a strong probability that it will be the South. The Republicans are now the South. The Southern leaders are Abraham Lincoln and Long John Wentworth. That which is likely to defeat the Republican party is the combination of the Southern and Northern leaders. The people will have none of that. The game of the Administration is to stand by and let the South have a share of the power of electing a Buchanan to the Senate, the passage of the Missouri Compromise, and the like. The will win.

It is well enough to scold and kill this story now; it has gone far enough. For this purpose we tell the Commercial, and all others concerned, that there is not now, has not been, and will not be, any union of any name, sort or kind, expressed or implied, between the Republicans of Illinois and the Lecomptonites here or elsewhere, for beating Mr. Douglas, or any other purpose whatever. The Republicans of this State has marked out for itself, if we understand the feelings and opinions of its leaders, the mass theme, a plain, easy, straightforward course. It will hold strictly to the strict letter of the law, and will not, in any way, exceed the bounds of what is just and impartial principle, as expressed in the Philadelphia and Illinois platforms, regardless of the unkind interferences of outsiders in New York or Cincinnati. It will recognize no man as entitled to its confidence, be he Senator in Congress or "high private," who does not subscribe to its creed and support its candidates and policy. If the fact that the Bogus Democratic party in Illinois is divided—a part supporting the President and a part swearing by Douglas, the Republicans are promised an advantage not heretofore enjoyed. It is good luck, not the result of a trade or bargain with either the one faction or the other. If the Douglas men run a ticket, if the Buchanan men run a ticket, both in opposition to the Republicans, the latter, trading with neither, will try to beat both, and they are now-a-days very sure that they can do it. There is an absolute, undoubted and effective Republican majority in Illinois to-day, as against the Democratic party as an unit. We shall not so lose strength that we may not beat it when divided. There is no necessity for us to be so fully to prepare for it; and it is a gross mistake, or worse, to charge on what has never been thought of, except by those who have taken Douglas to their special keeping.

John W. Stevenson is not now, has not been, and (we are told) will not be a candidate for the Senate of the United States. The use of his name in that connection is a stale piece of chicanery, reported to our contemporaries of the Douglas and Buchanan journals when they have nothing else to say. We understand that Mr. Stevenson is a cordial supporter of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and that he proposes to jump in the State in his behalf.

We are not in the secret of the Administration; perhaps the Commercial is. At any rate it assures its readers that the patronage of the government is to be used in the assistance of LINCOLN, or WENTWORTH; and it gravely proclaims that "this will not win." But this is too absurd for comment. Let us dismiss the Commercial by advising it, as we do, to be more careful of its facts; then its conclusions, now so ridiculous, will take care of themselves.

Chain Wine and Liquors—The Battle of Tivoli.

When ANDERSON or McALLEN exhibit their magical powers, by pouring in succession a dozen different kinds of wine and cordials from a single uncorked bottle, they really exert their wiles in the administration. Still more so do we see at a repetition of the famous trick of the "chain wine," when we now have topics enough every fancy or cup of tea to be had in bottles, by a seemingly innumerable supply from some old table, which could never have been expected to give forth a drop of moisture. Such tricks are certainly curious enough, but as there is no suspicion of any evil agency in the administration, we are content to receive the free-will offering of our benevolent magician and ask no questions. But wonderful as these feats are, they are daily surpassed by men too modest to call attention to their merits, and who rather prefer hiding their distinguished light under a bushel. At any good hotel, by simply handing a card to the waiter, it is very possible to obtain a specimen of whatever brand or variety may be desired. It matters not that you call for something which has never been imported, or which is no longer in existence, such trifles pass no difficulty to the connoisseurs of the administration. The regulars, however, come up again from the region below, with the expected sample in his hand. For a few dollars you may obtain specimens of the rarest wines of Europe, some of which are owned exclusively by kings and princes, and which cannot be bought upon the continent at all. With regard to more common wines, the results are almost equally remarkable. Thus, it is well known, that for a number of years past, the product of the French vineyards has been greatly reduced, while the vineyards of Mafra have not furnished sufficient for home consumption. Meanwhile, it is gratifying to our national pride to know, that throughout the length and breadth of this great country, the stock of Claret, Sherry, and Madeira, has not increased in price, nor decreased in quality. Like the oil in the widow's cruse, in the midst of a vicious family, our supply does not fail. A few invertebrate gamblers may indeed contend that there is something "rotten in Denmark" and that such uninvited prosperity must be in a great degree, and probably due to the fact that the money is all given to "live and let live," will not furnish himself by making difficulties, and if constrained by state laws or trespasses, will still have half sufficient to relieve him from any unpleasant scruples. The wine-bibbers of the administration, the few, indeed, a gall as ample as that of a good Catholic who maintains, by some peculiar process of reasoning, to believe, that all the robes of the Church are genuine, even when they are a hundred times more numerous than they ought to be. To be sure, it is not well to be over particular in these matters, but now and then, some facts are presented, which are a little startling. For instance, it is not pleasant to be assured by grave and respectable men, that the church French brandy which we have been drinking, is made up of whiskey and burnt sugar, with a dash of poison to give it the requisite "twang." Nor is it remarkable that we, in our most respectable houses, are able to furnish some identified quantities of 17-flids of wine of little or no value, which we have obtained from the original article, and which only differs in effect from the "pure juice of the grape," by killing off the fine points with greater rapidity. A great sensation has recently been excited by the expense of the "swill wine" usually in New York. Not an evil, as it appears in itself, and a thousand times more extended in its operation, is the constant manufacture and adulteration of wines and liquors. A New Yorker in China describes a re-packetaging of grub and earth-worms, "which fact, he says, is fortunately not so large now as it was when I was there." Most men, unlike this philosopher, prefer to have some knowledge of what they eat and drink, but as regards the latter, this is nearly impossible, and we are left to the tender mercy of those whose interest it is to give to the worst possible article for our money. In this distressing state of affairs, we hang our hopes upon a slender reed, and our large on the willow tree; but however, "the willow tree," we trust, a single nail, and the root of that tree, is still willing to bind with weak sinews with weak sinews.

Another Letter from Gen. Felt.

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